

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, In the United States, one person completes suicide every 13.3 minutes; and,

*Whereas*, It is estimated that 4.8 million people in the United States have lost a loved one to suicide; and,

*Whereas*, Suicide is the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of all deaths in the United States and the 9<sup>th</sup> leading cause of all deaths in the state of South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, In 2013, the Helpline Center in South Dakota answered 1,320 suicide-related calls through 2-1-1 and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255); and,

*Whereas*, Community mental health centers and other behavioral health treatment providers across South Dakota offer mental health treatment services to people at risk and their families; and,

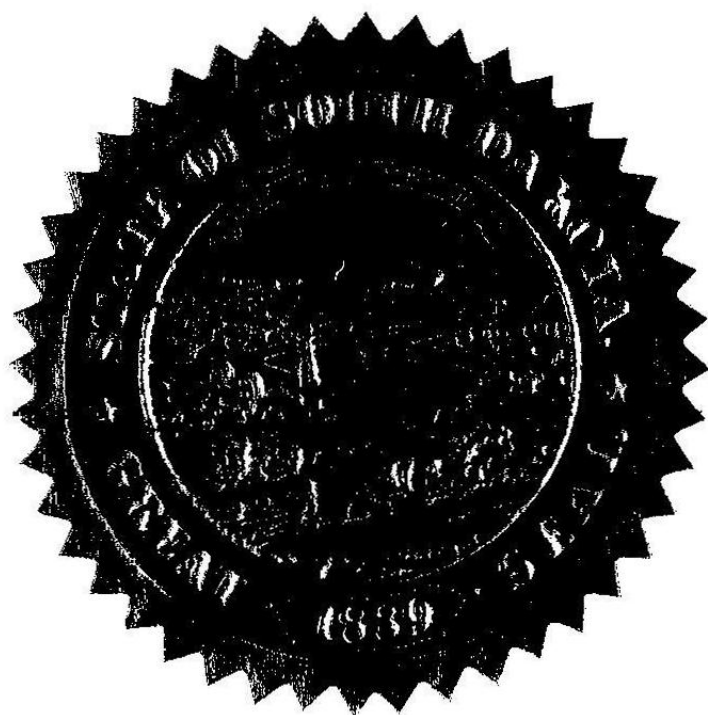
*Whereas*, Communities in South Dakota can work to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness and suicidality and encourage people at risk to seek life-saving help:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 7 – 13, 2014, as

## *SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK*

in South Dakota.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fourteen.



*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Jason M. Gant*  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State